## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:

Wolfgang Fuellhass, et al.

Application No.: 10/517,585

Filed: September 30, 2005

Art unit: 3635

Examiner: Nguven, Chi O.

For: METHOD FOR GENERATING A SUBSTANTIALLY UNINTERRUPTED CONNECTION OF THE PERIPHERAL WALL PORTIONS OF TWO ADJACENT TUBULAR SEGMENTS

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Confirmation No.: 1730

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being submitted electronically via EFS Web on

the date shown below.

/Kevin O. Grange/ June 30, 2009

Kevin O. Grange I

Date

## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

## Examiner

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.